(b) if so, what are the details thereof and what action Government have taken/propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s Larsen & Toubro and M/s Harish Chandra had earlier submitted proposals seeking environmental clearnace for setting up 1 MMTPA Capacity Cement Plants at Chamba and Sunder Nagar in Himachal Pradesh respectively. The proposal of Larsen & Toubro was not considered as the linked mining and forestry proposals as well as supplementary environmental information were not available for comperhensive assessment. Recently, the matter has been reviewed and company has been asked to submit complete information including updated EIA report for considering environmental clearance. The proposal of M/s Harish Chandra was not granted environmental clearance and the proposal returned as the proposed project site at Maloh, Sunder Nagar was not acceptable.

Laboratory for conservation of endangered species in A.P.

1827. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Andhra Pradesh Government have requested to extend financial assistance to the "Laboratory for conservation of endangered species" in CCMB;

(b) if so, the details of the request; and

(c) the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh has requested the Ministry of Environment and Forest for providing financial assistance for the "Laboratory for Conservation of Endangered Species" being established by the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology at Hyderabad. Since the activities to be carried out by the proposed Institute are high-tech in nature and fit into the mandate of Department of Biotechnology (DBT) and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the Ministry can support and construction of Laboatory only after the DBT and CSIR give their concurrence to provide necessary infrastructure for managing the laboratory.